

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN BIBLE

The Department of Bible and Christian Ministries offers programs in pastoral ministry, youth ministry, women's ministries, and missions.

PURPOSE

1. To enable students to increase in their knowledge of the contents of the Old and New Testaments and in their understanding of the major Bible doctrines.
2. To facilitate the development of students' world views that are Biblically based.
3. To facilitate the development of students' lifestyles that are distinctly Christian as a result of the practical application of the truths of the Bible to everyday life.
4. To enable students to develop and practice Bible study methods that employ consistent and accurate principles of interpretation, and to cultivate within students the desire to continue to grow spiritually, based upon their personal study of the Bible.
5. To prepare students to be able to preach and teach the Bible effectively.
6. To provide an environment, in conjunction with Highland Park Baptist Church, that will give students the opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills in practical Christian ministry.
7. To prepare graduates who are equipped for a lifetime of Christian leadership and serviced characterized by effective evangelism and discipleship.

OBJECTIVES

1. The student will demonstrate knowledge of the contents of the Bible and understanding of the major doctrines of the Bible.
2. The student will be competent to carry out the responsibilities of the specific ministry for which he or she is preparing.
3. The student will demonstrate the skills for the specific ministry for which he or she is preparing.
4. The student majoring in Bible will be prepared to pursue graduate work in that field.

Bible Program Curriculum

FOUNDATIONAL STUDIES (13 credit hours)

- ACAD-1013 Success Orientation for Online Students
CHMN-1033 Personal Life and Evangelism
CISS-1003 Computer Fundamentals
ENGL-1013 English Composition I
ENGL-1023 English Composition II

GENERAL CORE CURRICULUM (18-19 credit hours)

- BIBL-1113 Old Testament Survey
BIBL-1413 New Testament Survey
THEO-3113 Bible Doctrines I

THEO-3123 Bible Doctrines II

Literature Selection

Laboratory Science Selection

OR

MATH-1013 or higher level course

*To complete the General Core mathematics requirement, students may be required to enroll in preparatory mathematics courses each semester until MATH-1013 Mathematics for Application or a higher-level mathematics course is completed.

DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS (15 hours)

BIBL-2513 Life of Christ

BIBL-2713 Bible Study Methods

ICST-1013 Global Focus in the Local Church

Bible OR Theology Electives (6 hours)

ELECTIVES

General Electives (14-15 hours)

DEGREE TOTAL = 60 credit hours

Course Descriptions:

ACAD 1013 Success Orientation for Online Students 1 credit hour (Fall and Spring)

This course is designed to help students in their academic adjustment from high school to college. The student will be introduced to essential academic skills such as goal-setting, study organization, time management, textbook mastery, listening, memory, note-taking, motivation for study, test-taking, study strategies in other classes and orientation to University services. All incoming first-time freshmen, any transfer student with less than thirty hours of transfer credits and any student admitted on provisional acceptance or academic probation must enroll in this program for one semester.

CHMN 1033 Christian Life and Evangelism 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)

An in-depth study of how to lead people to Christ. This course is designed to introduce the student to principles of Christian living and evangelism. Special attention will be given to the theology of all aspects of evangelism, including the follow-up. Various methods of approach and presentation will be considered. Memorizing scripture and communicating the gospel will be emphasized.

CISS 1003 Computer Fundamentals 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) Introduction to basic computer terminology and basic computer skills using word processing, spreadsheet, email and presentation software. A perspective of computer applications is also provided. \$25.00 fee required.

ENGL 1013 English Composition I 3 credit hours (Fall and spring)

(Prerequisite: ENGL-0103 or a score of 19 or higher on the ACT English section) Introduction to the principles of effective composition and the application to writing paragraphs and essays on topics related to personal experiences. Grammar and mechanics are taught in relation to writing.

ENGL 1023 English Composition II 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)
(PREREQUISITE TO ALL LITERATURE COURSES) (Prerequisite: ENGL-1013)

English Composition II is a more complex study of rhetorical principles developing the critical essay and formal research paper. Students learn how to read and write critically in response to literary genres (film, poetry, prose, and drama). In addition, students study and apply methods of research to demonstrate skills in developing a thesis and supporting comprehension in reading, expression, and documentation.

BIBL 1113 Old Testament Survey 3 credit hours (Fall only)
(PREREQUISITE TO ALL OTHER OLD TESTAMENT COURSES)

A brief introduction to the Bible as a whole, an overview of the entire Old Testament and a survey of the authorship, date and occasion of writing, theme, purpose and contents of each Old Testament book. Special attention is given to the first chapters of Genesis and the national history of Israel. Significant features of each book are pointed out and timeless, universal truths in each book are emphasized. \$30.00 fee required.

BIBL 1413 New Testament Survey 3 credit hours (Spring only)
(PREREQUISITE TO ALL OTHER NEW TESTAMENT COURSES) (Prerequisite to all other New Testament courses) A survey of the political, social, moral and religious background of the New Testament including a study of the authorship, date and occasion of 116 writing, theme, purpose and contents of each New Testament book. Special emphasis is given to certain books such as the Gospel of Matthew and the Acts of the Apostles. Special emphasis is given to the significance of the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Significant features of each book are pointed out and timeless, universal truths in each book are emphasized. \$25.00 fee required.

THEO 3113 Bible Doctrines I 3 credit hours (Fall only)
(Prerequisite: BIBL-1113, 1413) A study of the Biblical doctrines of the Scriptures, God (including the Trinity and God the Father), the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. \$25.00 fee required.

THEO 3123 Bible Doctrines II 3 credit hours (Spring only)
(Prerequisite: BIBL-1113, 1114) A study of the Biblical doctrines of angels (including Satan and fallen angels), mankind, sin, salvation, the church, and last things (future things). \$20.00 fee required.

BIBL 2513 Life of Christ 3 credit hours (Prerequisite: BIBL-1413)
A study of the earthly life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, together with an examination of the major theological and practical implications of His teaching, as recorded in the four Gospels. Special emphasis is given to the significance of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. \$15.00 fee required.

BIBL 2713 Personal Bible Study 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)
Emphasis is placed on the inductive approach to Bible study that enables students to interpret and understand the meaning of Biblical texts for themselves. Practical help is given to make the student's efforts more profitable and effective. Helpful study tools are discussed, including commentaries, concordances, word studies, and computer software.

ICST 1013 Global Focus in the Local Church 3 credit hours (Fall Semester)

A course introducing the world missions ministry of the local church grounded in the Old Testament and re-commissioned in the New Testament. In addition to presenting the Biblical basis for missions, the course identifies Biblical strategies for developing local church missions ministries that motivate and maximize individual and corporate participation.